



# Tonight's Agenda

- Open House
- Present Sanctuary Programs
- Group Discussion
- Wrap Up and Next Steps

# Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary

*NOAA and the State of Hawaii*

*A Partnership for Protection*





# Presentation Overview

- Sanctuary background
- How the sanctuary works for you
- Why are we here?
- Next steps





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# Purpose and Mission of the Sanctuary

Protect North Pacific Humpbacks and their habitat in the Hawaiian Islands





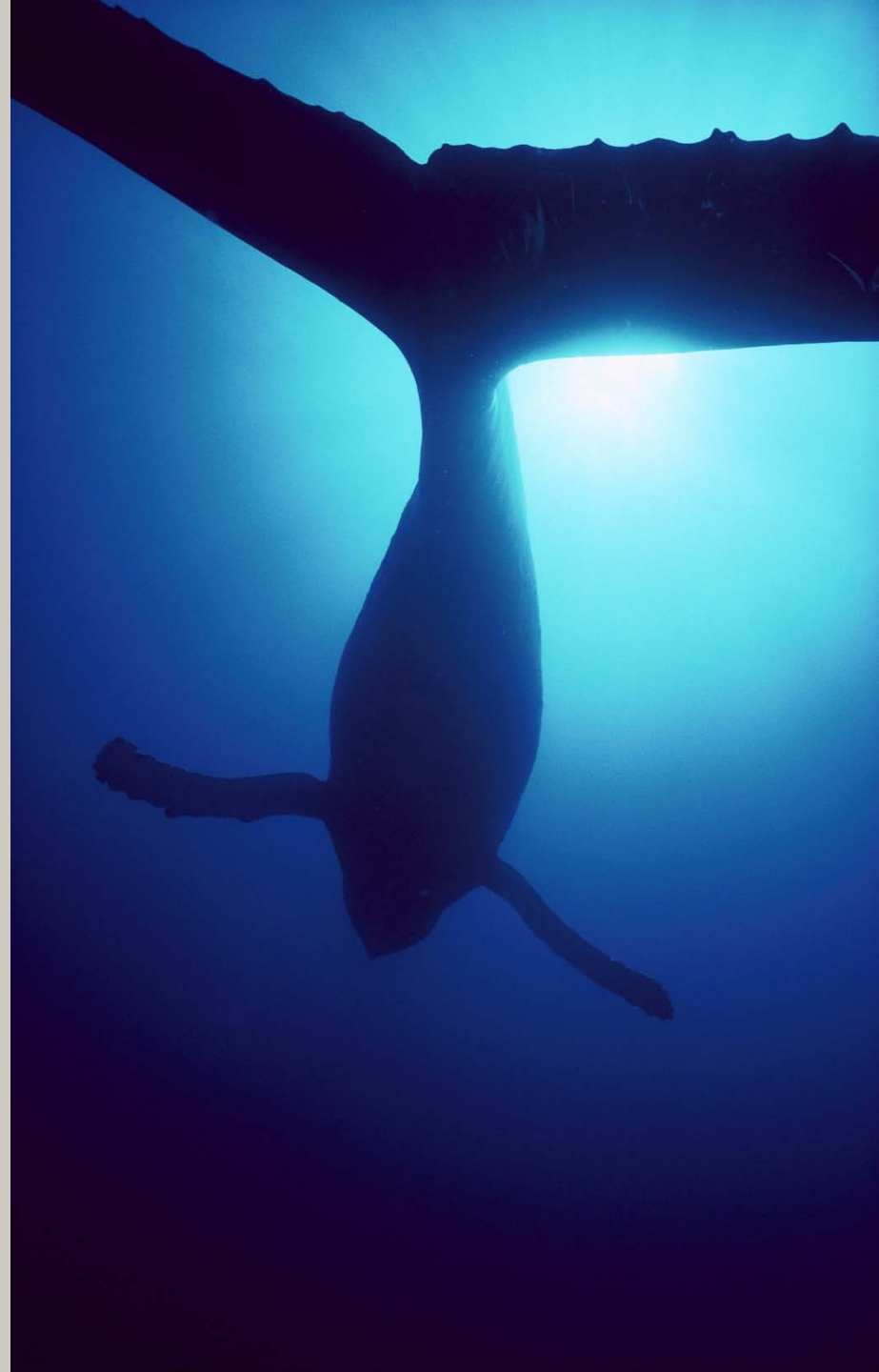
# Sanctuary History

1992 - Congress, in consultation with State of Hawaii, designates sanctuary

1997 - Became effective and is co-managed with the State of Hawaii

2002 – New management plan revised and implemented

2009 - Started reviewing management plan

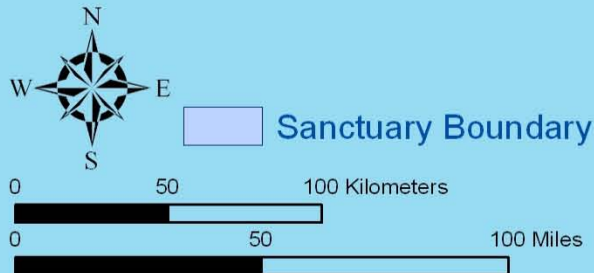


# Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale

## NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY



- Five separate protected areas
- From shoreline to depth of 100 fathoms (600 feet)
- 1,370 square miles of federal and state waters
- Five offices on four islands







# How the Sanctuary Works for You and Hawai'i

- Conducts research
- Protects resources
- Informs the public
- Creates a “sense of place”
- Engages the public in management



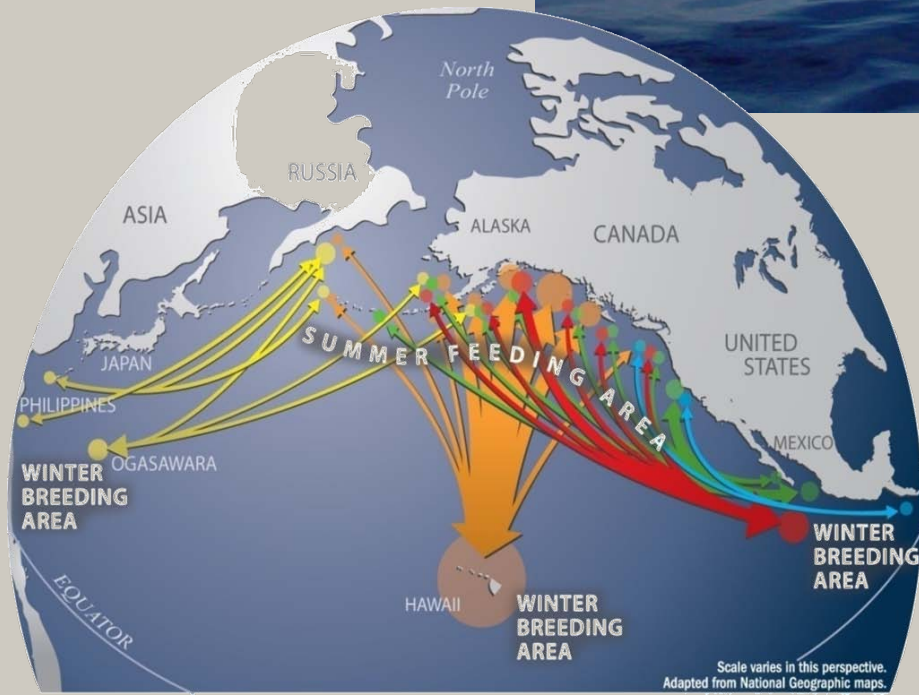
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# Conduct Research



## Global Collaboration

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# Protect Resources

## Regulations & Penalties

### Prohibited in the Sanctuary

- Approaching, or causing another object to approach, within 100 yards of any humpback whale
- Operating aircraft within 1,000 feet of any humpback whale except in designated flight corridor
- Taking any humpback whale
- Possessing any living or dead humpback whale
- Depositing any material, altering the seabed, or depositing any material outside the Sanctuary if it enters and injures a humpback whale or its habitat
- Interfering with enforcement

### Associated Penalties (in \$\$)

1 <sup>st</sup> time	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
400 – 3,000	800 – 6,000	1,500 - ??
0 – 10,000	1,500 – 50,000	2,500 - ??
0 – 25,000	7,500 – 75,000	15,000 - ??
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500 – 25,000	5,000 – 75,000	10,000 - ??
2,500 – 25,000	15,000 – 50,000	35,000 - ??



# Partnerships for Resource Protection

## Whale Response and Rescue







# Partnerships for Resource Protection

## Response and Rescue for Additional Species







# Inform the Public

## Promote Responsible Ocean Use and Safe Boating



### Collision Hazard - Humpback Whales

November through May

Whales may surface suddenly ahead  
of your vessel.

POST LOOKOUT • STAY AT HELM • SLOW DOWN

### Safe Boating Tips Around Whales

- Keep a sharp lookout
- Watch your speed
- Stay at the helm
- Keep your distance -  
Stay at least 100 yards away

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HUMPBACK WHALE

For safe boating and whale  
watching information:  
[hawaii.humpbackwhale.noaa.gov](http://hawaii.humpbackwhale.noaa.gov)

## Humpback Whales

*A Boating and Ocean Use Guide  
for Safety and Conservation*

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SANCTUARIES  
HAWAIIAN ISLANDS  
HUMPBACK WHALES  
*From Significant Species*

**HEADS UP!**



# Inform the Public

## Education and Outreach



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# Inform the Public

## Education and Outreach

### Outreach in the Moloka'i Community

- Hi'ialakai cruises for high school students



- Moloka'i Earth Day



# Create a “Sense of Place”

## Engaging Communities



- Natural Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Maritime Heritage



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# Why Are We Here?

## Engage the public in Management Plan Review

The Management Plan Review (MPR) is an opportunity to:

- Consider the future direction and scope of the sanctuary
- Provide input on the sanctuary's management focus
- Consider additional protection for marine resources of national significance





# Management Plan Review Timeline



**We Are Here**



2009

2010

2011

2012

2013

2014



# State-Wide Information Meetings

## April and May 2010

- Engage communities
- Raise awareness of sanctuary programs
- Ensure public participation in the review process





NOAA's Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary  
is announcing a series of  
**SANCTUARY INFORMATION MEETINGS**  
April 12 - May 14, 2010

Photo: Ed Lyman, HIHWNMS, NOAA Fisheries Permit #782-1719

**Please Join Us!**

NOAA is beginning a process to determine the future direction and scope of the sanctuary. The sanctuary will be conducting a round of information meetings in communities across the state to share information with the public about the sanctuary and its programs and to initiate a discussion on how the sanctuary might best fit into the future protection of Hawai'i's ocean resources. All interested members of the public are encouraged to attend and learn how they can become involved in helping the sanctuary chart its future to further ocean conservation efforts in Hawai'i.

**STATEWIDE MEETING SCHEDULE:**

**6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted below**

**Waialua, O'ahu**

**Monday, April 12, 2010**

Waialua Elementary School Cafeteria  
67-020 Waialua Beach Road  
Waialua, HI 96791

**Lana'i City, Lana'i**

**Thursday, April 15, 2010, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

Invited Presentation at Hulopo'e Beach Park Council Mtg  
Lana'i Senior Center  
Lana'i City, HI 96763

**Kihei, Maui**

**Tuesday, April 27, 2010**

Sanctuary Headquarters  
726 S. Kihei Road  
Kihei, HI 96753

**Hawai'i Kai, O'ahu**

**Thursday, April 29, 2010**

NOAA Conference Room  
6600 Kalaniana'ole Highway, 3rd Floor  
Honolulu, HI 96825

**Hilo, Hawai'i**

**Monday, May 3, 2010**

Mokupapapa Discovery Center  
308 Kamehameha Avenue, Suite 109  
Hilo, HI 96720

**Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i**

**Tuesday, May 4, 2010**

Outrigger Keauhou Beach Resort  
78-6740 Ali'i Drive  
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

**Lihue, Kaua'i**

**Saturday, May 8, 2010, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Chiefess Kamakahalei Middle School Cafeteria  
4431 Nuhou Street  
Lihue, HI 96766

**Kaunakakai, Moloka'i**

**Friday, May 14, 2010**

Mitchell Pauole Center  
90 Ainoa Street  
Kaunakakai, HI 96748

Please call 1.888.55.WHALE ext 267 or E-mail: [hihwmanagementplan@noaa.gov](mailto:hihwmanagementplan@noaa.gov) to register  
so that additional dates may be added if capacity at any venue is exceeded.







# Opportunities for Public Input

- Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting – May 2010
- Visioning Document – July 2010
- 60-Day Public Comment Period – August/Sept 2010
- State-wide Public Scoping Meetings – Aug/Sept 2010





# We want to hear from you!

*When we move into small groups...*

- Please introduce yourself and tell us why you came to the meeting tonight.
- Given what you learned here tonight, how could the sanctuary be more involved in protecting Hawaii's ocean?
- Do you have any questions about the sanctuary?



## How will this Information be used?

- *Information gathered at Information Meetings will be used to inform a “Visioning” document*
- *This document will outline proposed roles the sanctuary could play in marine resource management in the future*
- *The Visioning document will be released for public comment during the scoping period*



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